

PATENT APPLICATION  
DOCKET NO.: 200209002-1

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are currently pending. Claims 1, 9, and 18 are in independent form.

No claims have been amended hereby.

Favorable reconsideration of the present application as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

Regarding the Double Patenting Rejection

In the pending Office Action, claims 1-25 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/635,083. Without acquiescing in the characterization of the claims of the present patent application or of the claims of co-pending Application No. 10/635,083 as set forth in the outstanding Office Action in connection with the pending double patenting rejection, Applicant has enclosed herewith an appropriate terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the pending double patenting rejection has been obviated hereby.

As there are no other outstanding rejections and/or objections in the pending Office Action, it is believed that claims 1-25 are in condition for allowance.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of the record, whether considered alone or in combination discloses, anticipates or suggests the pending claims, and in further view of the above remarks and/or amendments, reconsideration of the Action and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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